

felony, subject to such exceptions as the Legislature may provide.

Fifth—All soldiers, marines and seamen employed in the service of the army or navy of the United States.

Sec. 2. Every person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years and who shall be a citizen of the United States and who shall have resided in this State one year next preceding an election and the last six months in the district or county in which he or she offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; and all electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence, with such exceptions as the Legislature may by law provide; provided, that electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes.

Sec. 3. All qualified electors of the State, as herein described, who shall have resided for six months immediately preceding an election within the limits of any city or incorporated town, shall have the right to vote for mayor and all other elective officers; but in all elections to determine the expenditure of money or assumption of debt, only those shall be qualified to vote who pay taxes on property in said city or incorporated town.

Sec. 4. In all elections by the people the vote shall be by ballot, and the Legislature shall provide for the numbering of tickets and make such other regulations as may be deemed necessary to detect and punish fraud and preserve the purity of the ballot box; and the Legislature shall provide by law a system for the registration of all voters; provided, that no law shall ever be enacted requiring payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting.

Sec. 5. Voters shall, in all cases except treason, felony or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at elections and in going to and returning therefrom.

Sec. B. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the 28th day of May, 1921, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the Amendment of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Texas," and all those opposing the said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the

Amendment of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Texas."

Sec. C. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. D. The sum of \$5,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election, and to carry out this resolution.

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Greer, the House, at 3:24 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 3:25 o'clock p. m., Saturday, February 19.

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

(Saturday, February 19, 1921.)

The House met at 3:25 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Adams.	Garrett.
Aiken.	Greer.
Baldwin.	Hanna.
Barker.	Hardin.
Beasley	Harrison.
of Hopkins.	Henderson
Beasley	of Marion.
of McCulloch.	Hendricks.
Beavens.	Hill.
Binkley.	Horton.
Bonham.	Johnson of Ellis.
Branch.	Jones.
Bryant.	Kacir.
Burmeister.	Kellis.
Burns.	King.
Carpenter.	Lackey.
Coffee.	Laird.
Cox.	Lauderdale.
Crawford.	Lawrence.
Crumpton.	Lindsey.
Curtis.	Looney.
Davis, John E.,	McDaniel.
of Dallas.	McLeod.
Davis, John,	Martin.
of Dallas.	Marshall.
Dinkle.	Mathes.
Duffey.	Melson.
Edwards.	Menking.
Faubion.	Merriman.
Fly.	Miller of Dallas..

Miller of Parker.	Smith.
Moore.	Sneed.
Morris of Medina.	Stephens.
Morris	Stevenson.
of Montague.	Stewart
Mott.	of Edwards.
Neblett.	Stewart of Reeves.
Owen.	Thomas
Patman.	of Limestone.
Perkins	Thomason.
of Cherokee.	Thompson
Perry.	of Harris.
Pollard.	Thompson
Pool.	of Red River.
Pope.	Thorn.
Quaid.	Walker.
Quicksall.	Wallace.
Quinn.	Webb.
Rice.	Wessels.
Rogers of Shelby.	West.
Rosser.	Westbrook.
Rountree.	Williams
Rowland.	of McLennan.
Satterwhite.	Wright.
Sims.	

Absent.

Black, O. B.,	Hall.
of Bexar.	Johnson
Black, W. A.,	of Gillespie.
of Bexar.	Veatch.
Estes.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Laney.
Barrett of Bell.	Leslie.
Barrett of Fannin.	McCord.
Bass.	McFarlane.
Brady.	McKean.
Brown.	Malone.
Burkett.	Morgan.
Childers.	Perkins of Lamar.
Chitwood.	Rogers of Harris.
Cummins.	Schweppe.
Darroch.	Seagler.
Duncan.	Shearer.
Fugler.	Swann.
Grissom.	Sweet of Brown.
Harrington.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Henderson	Teer.
of McLennan.	Thrasher.
Johnson	Wadley.
of Wichita.	Williams
Kveton.	of Montgomery.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Williams of Montgomery for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Fly.

Mr. Duncan for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Burmeister.

Mr. Johnson of Wichita for today and Monday, on motion of Mr. Burmeister.

Mr. McFarlane until next Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Merriman.

Mr. Rogers of Harris for today and Monday, on motion of Mr. Merriman.

Mr. Malone for today, on motion of Mr. Quaid.

Mr. Brown for today, on motion of Mr. Lackey.

Mr. Laney for today, on motion of Mr. Pollard.

Mr. Shearer for today, on motion of Mr. Faubion.

Mr. McKean for today, on motion of Mr. Westbrook.

Mr. Cummins for today, on motion of Mr. Westbrook.

Mr. Morgan for today, on motion of Mr. West.

Mr. Kveton for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Sweet of Tarrant for today, on motion of Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Henderson of McLennan for today, on motion of Mr. Quicksall.

Mr. Barrett of Fannin and Mr. Sweet of Brown for today, on motion of Mr. Hill.

Mr. Wadley for today, on motion of Mr. Crumpton.

Mr. Fugler for today, on motion of Mr. Patman.

Mr. Barrett of Bell for today, on motion of Mr. Owen.

Mr. Thrasher for today, on motion of Mr. Owen.

Mr. Bass for today, on motion of Mr. Lackey.

Mr. Brady for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas.

Mr. Schweppe for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Wessels.

Mr. Childers was excused for today and Monday on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Quicksall.

## HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Beasley:

H. B. No. 498, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2949 and 2550 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, being Sections 16 and 18 of House bill No. 8, Chapter 11, page 510, of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, 1905, provid-

ing the items which shall appear upon a poll tax receipt and amending the form of the poll tax payers of the requirement to state his or her age and to require that it shall be sufficient to state that the poll tax payer is above the age of twenty-one, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Hill:

H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing county and district attorneys' fees in delinquent tax suits, repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Laird:

H. B. No. 500, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 3 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, entitled 'Aliens, relating to the rights, powers and disabilities of aliens to own and hold lands and other properties in this State; prohibiting future ownership of lands by any person of foreign birth who has not taken out naturalization papers; providing for escheat in certain cases; prescribing penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof, and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent or in conflict herewith.'"

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Dinkle:

H. B. No. 501, A bill to be entitled "An Act allowing clerks of the district courts, by way of fees of office, commissions on all cash, notes or other securities deposited for safe keeping with them in any proceeding, either by order of court or agreement of parties, and providing for the division of said commissions among the several incumbents of said office who may receive, have custody of, or disburse the funds, notes or securities."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Dinkle:

H. B. No. 502, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3855, Chapter 3, of Title 58, Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to fees allowed clerks of the district court for service performed in civil cases, including a per diem for waiting upon the court, while in session, to be paid by the county."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Melson and Mr. Veatch:

H. B. No. 503, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4443, Title 65, Chapter 6, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Morris of Medina:

H. B. No. 504, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Thirty-eighth Judicial District of Texas; changing the time of holding the district court in Kerr county, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Patman:

H. B. No. 505, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Atlanta Independent School District, commonly known as Common School District in Cass county, Texas, and including within its limits the municipal corporation of the town of Atlanta, and defining its borders; and to provide for the creating of a board of trustees thereof and authorizing the board of trustees to levy and assess and collect special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees preliminary powers; and providing authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting and furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to levy a tax therefor, and to pay current expenses for the maintenance and support of said schools; providing an equalization board, and prescribing the duty and authority of said boards of trustees; declaring valid an issue of bonds theretofore made; declaring valid a maintenance tax theretofore voted, and repealing laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Moore and Mr. Dinkle:

H. B. No. 506, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2052, Chapter 18, and Article 2098, Chapter 20, of Title 37, Civil Statutes of Texas, prescribing the contents of an affidavit in lieu of security or cash deposits for costs in the trial courts and appeals,

and excluding parties to divorce suits from the benefits of said provisions."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Hill:

H. B. No. 507, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 49, Chapter 10, Articles 3093 and 3096, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to primary elections so as to provide additional qualifications for voting therein, and to prevent those from voting therein who are not bona fide members of such political party, and prescribing the primary test to be printed on the official ballot in such primary election."

Referred to Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Hill, Mr. Sweet of Brown, and Mr. Burns:

H. B. No. 508, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the levying and collection of an occupation tax upon motor vehicle fuel distributors: amending Article 7355, Revised Statutes of 1911, so as to add an additional section thereto, to be known as Section 41: requiring on occupation tax to be paid by all persons firms or corporations or associations of persons engaged in the sale of motor vehicle fuels; defining motor vehicle fuel distributors and motor vehicle fuel dealers, and providing for the quarterly payments of said occupation tax, the amount of said tax to be ascertained by charge of one cent per gallon on all motor vehicle fuels sold; providing for reports to be made, method of collection and remission of funds so collected, which shall be placed in maintenance of highway fund for apportionment among the counties of Texas for the use in maintaining the highways of the State: exempting sales of gasoline when sold for exportation from the State of Texas and to any other State or nation; levying penalties for violating the provisions of this bill, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Melson:

H. B. No. 509, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 35 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, so as to provide that canning demonstration work and demonstration work relative to home economics by women shall be conducted by the Texas Industrial Institute and College for the education of white girls of the State of

Texas in the arts and sciences instead of by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of this State, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Curtis:

H. B. No. 510, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the transfer of the William Edwards Survey in Tarrant county, Texas, from the Polytechnic Independent School District to the Sagamore Hill Independent District, and providing for a division of the taxes on a pro rata basis between said districts, until all existing bonds against said Polytechnic Independent School District shall have been paid; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Sweet of Brown:

H. B. No. 511, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend act to reorganize the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas and to fix the time for holding court therein as passed by the Twenty-ninth Legislature, Chapter 37, and to amend an act to reorganize the Thirty-fifth Judicial District; to name the counties composing the same; to fix the time of holding court therein, passed at the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, being Chapter 3; and to amend an act to reorganize the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts; to name the counties composing the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts; to fix the time of holding court in the counties of said district, and to reorganize the Thirty-fifth Judicial District; to name the counties composing the Thirty-fifth Judicial District; to fix the time of holding court in the counties of said Thirty-fifth Judicial District; to provide for the extension and return of process issued out of the said courts; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Faubion:

H. B. No. 512, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1070 and 1075 of Chapter 15, Title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, both of which articles of the statutes relate to commission form of government for cities

and towns of less than 5,000, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

By Mr. Hendricks:

H. B. No. 513, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that all doctors, physicians, midwives, nurses, or those in attendance at child birth, shall use prophylactic drops in the eyes of the new-born to prevent ophthalmia neonatorum: providing that the State Board of Health shall furnish free of cost to the indigent such prophylactic drops, affixing a penalty for violations of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Pollard:

H. B. No. 514, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the special road law in force in Van Zandt county, as enacted by the Thirty-third Legislature, and approved March 25, 1913, and as amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature and approved March 15, 1915, by striking out Section 11 thereof and correcting Sections Nos. 12 and 13 so as to read Sections Nos. 11 and 12, respectively.

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Beasley of Hopkins, Mr. Stewart of Edwards, Mr. Moore and Mr. Dinkle:

H. B. No. 515, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a Department of the Interior of the State of Texas and creating the office of Secretary of the Interior, to be elected by the qualified voters of this State; abolishing the office of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, the State Board of Water Engineers, the office of the State Reclamation Engineer, the office of the State Forester, and the State Mining Board, and conferring the authority, power, duties, and functions of each and all of said boards, commissioners and officers upon said Secretary of the Interior, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolution, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Lindsey:

H. J. R. No. 25, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide a method of granting compensation to the members of the Legislature of Texas.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 62, to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senate bill No. 142, to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senate bill No. 136, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

#### BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Thomason, it was ordered that House bills Nos. 484 and 485 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Cherokee, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 124 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Crumpton, it was ordered that House bill No. 434 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, it was ordered that House bill No. 247 be not printed.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Crumpton, the House, at 4 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

#### APPENDIX.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following standing committees filed favorable reports today on bills, as follows: .

Public Lands and Buildings: House bill No. 223.

Conservation and Reclamation: Senate bill No. 302.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries: House bills Nos. 247, 488.

Criminal Jurisprudence: House bill No. 474.

Education: House bill No. 353.

Constitutional Amendments: Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.

Judiciary: Senate bills Nos. 24, 82; House bills Nos. 77, 483.

Municipal and Private Corporations:  
House bills Nos. 490, 453.

The following standing committees  
filed adverse reports today on bills, as  
follows:

Appropriations: House bill No. 476.  
Roads, Bridges and Ferries: House  
bills Nos. 472, 419.

Public Lands and Buildings: House  
bills Nos. 496, 450.

### TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

(Monday, February 21, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m.,  
pursuant to adjournment, and was  
called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following  
members were present:

Adams.	Grissom.
Aiken.	Hall.
Baker.	Hanna.
Baldwin.	Hardin.
Barker.	Harrison.
Bass.	Henderson
Beasley	of McLennan.
of Hopkins.	Henderson
Beasley	of Marion.
of McCulloch.	Hendricks.
Beavens.	Hill.
Binkley.	Horton.
Black, W. A.,	Johnson
of Bexar.	of Gillespie.
Bonham.	Johnson of Ellis.
Brady.	Johnson
Branch.	of Wichita.
Bryant.	Jones.
Burkett.	Kacir.
Burmeister.	Kellis.
Burns.	King.
Carpenter.	Lackey.
Chitwood.	Laird.
Coffee.	Lauderdale.
Cox.	Lawrence.
Crawford.	Lindsey.
Crumpton.	Looney.
Cummins.	McCord.
Curtis.	McDaniel.
Davis, John E.,	McKean.
of Dallas.	McLeod.
Davis, John,	Malone.
of Dallas.	Martin.
Dinkle.	Marshall.
Duffey.	Mathes.
Duncan.	Melson.
Edwards.	Merriman.
Estes.	Miller of Parker.
Faubion.	Morgan.
Fly.	Moore.
Fugler.	Morris of Medina.
Garrett.	Morris
Greer.	of Montague.

Mott.	Stewart
Neblett.	of Edwards.
Owen.	Stewart of Reeves.
Patman.	Swann.
Perkins	Sweet of Brown.
of Cherokee.	Teer.
Perkins of Lamar.	Thomas
Perry.	of Limestone.
Pollard.	Thomason.
Pope.	Thompson
Quaid.	of Harris.
Quicksall.	Thompson
Quinn.	of Red River.
Rice.	Thorn.
Rogers of Shelby.	Thrasher.
Rosser.	Veatch.
Rountree.	Wadley.
Rowland.	Walker.
Satterwhite.	Wallace.
Seagler.	Webb.
Sims.	Wessels.
Smith.	West.
Sneed.	Westbrook.
Stephens.	Williams
Stevenson.	of McLennan.
	Wright.

### Absent.

Barrett of Fannin.	Laney.
Black, O. B.,	Leslie.
of Bexar.	McFarlane.
Brown.	Pool.
Childers.	Shearer.
Darroch.	Williams
Harrington.	of Montgomery.
Kveton.	

### Absent—Excused.

Barrett of Bell.	Rogers of Harris.
Menking.	Schweppe.
Miller of Dallas.	Sweet of Tarrant.

A quorum was announced present.  
Prayer was then offered by Rev. J.  
C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted  
leaves of absence on account of im-  
portant business:

Mr. Barrett of Bell for today, on  
motion of Mr. Owen.

Mr. W. A. Black of Bexar for last  
Saturday, on motion of Mr. Hall.

Mr. Sweet of Tarrant for today and  
indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Rogers of Harris for last Satur-  
day and today, on motion of Mr.  
Malone.

Mr. O. B. Black of Bexar for last  
Saturday, on motion of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Miller of Dallas for today, on  
motion of Mr. John Davis of Dallas.

Mr. Menking for today, on motion of  
Mr. Beasley of McCulloch.